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quantities of motor vehicle tires available and distributed in 1953. The tabulations were drawn up by the State Committee for Materials Procurement on 26 January 1954.

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Comment: According to the current Five-Year Plan, 880,900 motor vehicle tires were scheduled to be manufactured in 1953. Actually however, only 858,867 units, i.e. 97.4 percent of the target, were manufactured. Nevertheless, 86,832 more tires were produced in 1953 than in 1952. The 1953 import plan, envisaged the importation of 40,000 motor vehicle tires. Actually, only 20,860 tires, i.e. 50.2 percent of the plan, were imported. The following tabulation shows the actual production of motor vehicle tires in 1952 and 1953, and the planned production for 1953/54.

EXPLICIT

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Production of Motor Vehicle Tires

	Actual 1952	Production in 1953	Planned 1953	Production in 1954	Fulfilment of the 1953 Plan (in percentage figures)
Total of tires produced	772,035	858,867	880,900	933,000	97.4
imported	30,896	20,860	40,000	-	50.2

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	Actual 1952	Production in 1953	Planned 1953	Production in 1954	Fulfilment of the 1953 Plan (in percentage figures)
Truck tires					
produced	-	368,672	399,000	402,300	92.4
imported	-	20,510	39,000	-	52.6
Tractor tires					
produced	-	36,118	33,200	53,900	108.8
imported	-	350	-	-	-
Passenger car tires					
produced	-	279,936	289,700	284,800	96.3
imported	-	-	1,000	15,000	-
Motorcycle tires					
produced	-	174,141	159,000	192,000	109.5
imported	-	-	-	-	-

In 1953, a total of 62,154 motor vehicle tires including 40,104 truck tires, 2,600 tractor tires, 12, 192 passenger car tires, and 7,258 motorcycle tires were exported. In this connection, reference is made to the fact that a carry-over of 37,421 motor vehicle tires from the 1952 production was available in 1953. This quantity included 10,933 truck tires, 4,904 tractor, 16,155 car tires, and 5,374 motorcycle tires. The development initiated with the "New Course" led to a sudden increase in the demand for motor vehicle tires of all types and dimensions in late 1953. It, therefore, appears doubtful whether the production for 1954 will meet increased demands. It may, therefore, prove necessary to raise the quota of tires scheduled to be imported.

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